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- 1. The largest blood bank in Hungary, according to Soviet specifications, is in Debrecen. The director of the institute is a Hungarian; but there are also two Soviet experts who control the proper functioning of the institute.
- 2. Blood donations are made in 11 large rooms which are equipped with Soviet-made apparatuses. The blood is banked in special low-temperature rooms that cannot be entered without signed permission from the director of the institute. The blood is classified and kept at the temperature best suited for the type.
- 3. Every week from 150 to 200 1. of blood are flown to the Soviet Union. Containers hold 3 dl., 2 dl., or 1.5 dl. They are packed in insulated boxes which come back empty on the return trip.
- 4. Teams from the institute go to every village and city in order to classify the inhabitants as to blood type. People are urged to become donors, according to the need of the moment.
- 5. Donors are given 50 to 80 forints, 1 l. of beer and 3 small loaves of bread. In addition, workers who have donated blood are allowed to skip three shifts of their working schedule.
- Among the middleclass deportees, blood donation has become popular as a means of supplementing slim rations.

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